

VACCINATION CREED

*The Department of Health after years of experience
with Smallpox and Vaccination, hereby declares :*

FIRST.—That true Vaccination—repeated until it no longer “takes”—ALWAYS prevents smallpox. NOTHING ELSE DOES.

SECOND.—That true Vaccination — that is, vaccination properly done on a CLEAN arm with PURE lymph and kept perfectly CLEAN and UNBROKEN afterwards — never did and NEVER WILL make a serious sore.

THIRD.—That such a Vaccination leaves a characteristic scar, unlike that from any other cause, which is recognizable during life and is the ONLY conclusive evidence of a Successful Vaccination.

FOURTH.—That no untoward results ever follow such Vaccination ; on the other hand thousands of lives are annually sacrificed through the neglect to vaccinate — a neglect begotten of LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

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SUPPLEMENT TO

“VACCINATION CREED”

NOT one of the 727 cases of smallpox discovered in Chicago within the last four years was found vaccinated as defined in the VACCINATION CREED.

Of the total number, 662 never had been vaccinated at all, though most of them claimed that they had. Examination of the arms proved that these attempts at vaccination were failures; there was no scar and the patients finally admitted that the vaccinations when performed did not “take.” A “failure” is not a vaccination; therefore, these 662 cases had never been vaccinated.

Of the remaining 65 cases, 56 had old, irregular and doubtful scars said to be the result of vaccination; but these were not characteristic; they were more like the scars from infected sores or wounds than those from vaccine. Only nine had typical (characteristic) scars; but these also were the results of vaccination made many years before and never repeated.

In no single case of the 727 had the terms of the First Article of the VACCINATION CREED been complied with—vaccination had NOT been repeated until it would no longer “take.” If it had been they could not have contracted smallpox.

These 727 persons are examples of thousands of

of the vesicle. There can be no infection of any kind or severe inflammatory action if these precautions are observed.

The vaccination thus indicated will—if the person be susceptible to smallpox at the time—usually “take” and always leave the characteristic or typical scar which, as stated in the Third Article of the VACCINATION CREED, is the permanent and only conclusive evidence of a successful and thoroughly protective vaccination.

It should be clearly understood that no one is insusceptible to vaccinia or vaccination any more than to smallpox. One successful vaccination can be secured in every person ; *to this there is no exception.*

With some persons one vaccination may be protective against smallpox for a lifetime ; two vaccinations—one in infancy, another when about 15 years of age—protect most people for life ; in comparatively few will vaccination “take” a third time.

The protection of vaccination against smallpox may be positively determined for each individual by repeating the operation from time to time. If the vaccination is still protective, a re-vaccination will not “take.” If it does “take,” it is proof positive that the person could have contracted smallpox if exposed to its contagion.

The rule is—REPEAT VACCINATION UNTIL THE SUSCEPTIBILITY TO VACCINE IS EXHAUSTED. When this is done it is impossible to contract smallpox. This is the protection given the employes of the Department of Health who handle and nurse smallpox patients and bury the dead from the

disease, and in no instance, among the hundreds so employed, has any one of them ever contracted small-pox.

THE vaccine lymph used by the Chicago DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH is always tested as to its purity and efficacy before it is distributed. The old-time suppurating sore arms, inflamed glands and other evidences of infection never follow the use of this lymph when the operation is performed and cared for in the manner herein advised.

During its seven years of use by competent vaccinators it has been demonstrated to cause no serious amount of discomfort, pain or soreness. Vaccination is thus no longer to be feared, but rather sought for as the only SAFE, positively HARMLESS and absolutely CERTAIN safeguard against a loathsome pestilence.

Chicago, January, 1903.

CITY ORDINANCE
AS TO
VACCINATION

From the Revised Code, 1897, Article XXXV, p. 236.

SEC. 1083. [DUTY OF PERSONS CONTROLLING MINORS.] EVERY person, being the parent or guardian, or having the care, custody or control of any MINOR OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL, shall (to the extent of any means, power and authority of said parent, guardian or other person, that could properly be used or exerted for such purpose) CAUSE AND PROCURE such minor or individual to be so PROMPTLY, FREQUENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY VACCINATED, that such minor or individual SHALL NOT TAKE, OR BE LIABLE TO TAKE THE SMALLPOX.

SEC. 1084. [PREREQUISITE TO ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.] No Principal of any Public School, and no Principal or Teacher of any private, sectarian or other school, SHALL ADMIT to any such school any child or minor who shall not have been vaccinated within seven years next preceding the admission or application for admission to any such school of such child or minor, nor shall any such Principal or Teacher

RETAIN IN OR PERMIT TO ATTEND any such school any child or minor who shall not have been vaccinated as provided in this article.

SEC. 1085. [EVIDENCE OF VACCINATION.] The evidence of such vaccination to be presented to any such Principal or Teacher mentioned in the preceding section shall be a certificate signed by the COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH or any physician duly licensed by the State Board of Health.

SEC. 1086. [INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.] The COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH is hereby empowered to visit any and all public and private schools in the city, and to make or cause to be made an EXAMINATION OF THE CHILDREN and minors in attendance therein, as often as he may deem necessary to secure compliance with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 1087. [PENALTY.] Any Principal of a Public School, or Principal or Teacher of any private or other school, who shall violate any of the provisions of this article, or shall in any way prevent or attempt to prevent the COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH from exercising the power conferred on him by this article, SHALL BE FINED FOR EACH OFFENSE not less than five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

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